## **Supporting Information**

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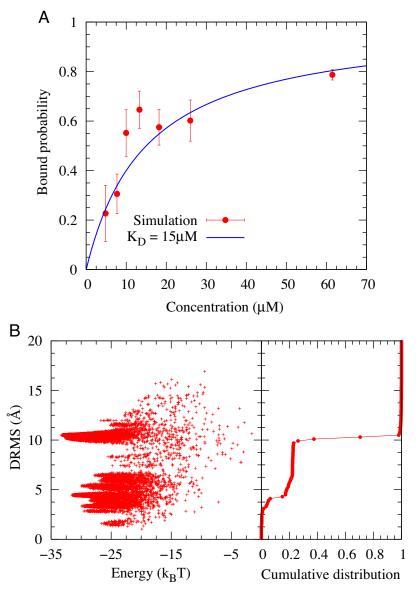


Fig. S1. IIA<sup>Mtl</sup>-HPr complex affinity and structure. (*A*) Fraction of bound states as a function of protein concentration from the REMC simulations. The solid curve is a titration fit with  $K_D = 15 \mu M$ . (*B*) Scatter plot of DRMS versus energy and the corresponding DRMS cumulative distribution.

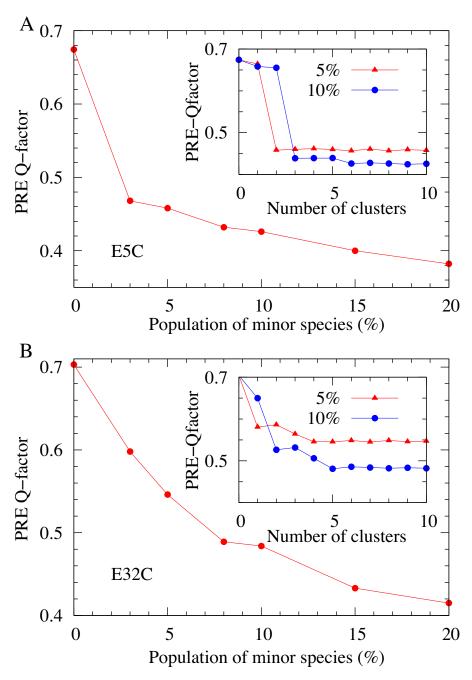


Fig. S2. PRE Q-factor for the EIN-HPr complex as a function of the population of nonspecific complexes for EDTA-Mn<sup>2+</sup> attached to E5C (A) and E32C (B) sites. (Insets) PRE Q-factors as a function of the number of clusters at  $p_{minor} = 5$  and 10%.

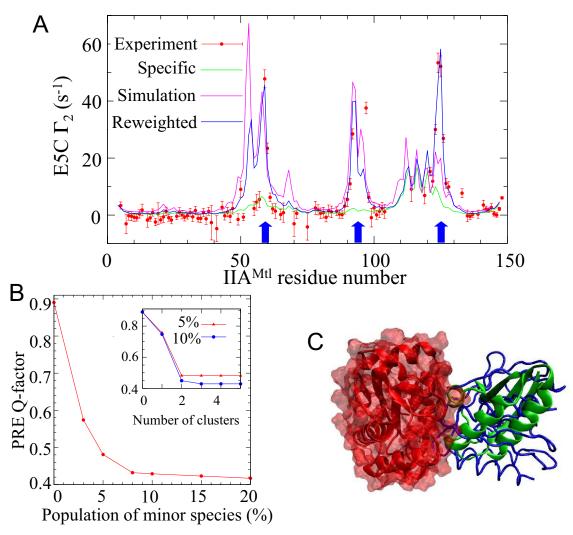


Fig. S3. IIA<sup>Mtl</sup>-HPr(E5C) complex. (A) Observed (red circles), simulated (purple), and reweighted (blue) intermolecular PRE rates  $\Gamma_2$  for the IIA<sup>Mtl</sup>-HPr complex with EDTA-Mn<sup>2+</sup> attached to the E5C site on HPr. For comparison, PREs calculated from the stereospecific complex alone are shown in green. Note that the cutoff distance between Mn<sup>2+</sup> coordinates and residues of IIA<sup>Mtl</sup> is 15 Å. (B) PRE Q-factor as a function of the population of nonspecific complexes,  $p_{minor}$ . (Inset) PRE Q-factor as a function of the number of clusters at  $p_{minor} = 5\%$  and 10%. (C) Structures of the stereospecific complex (green) and transient encounter complex (blue). IIA<sup>Mtl</sup> is colored in red.

Table S1. Distances (in Å) from a three-conformer representation of  $Mn^{2+}$  to three consecutive  $C^{\alpha}$  atoms with the one to which the paramagnetic label is attached in the middle

Residue no.		E5C		Residue no.		E25C		Residue no.		E32C	
4	8.2	11.2	9.3	24	8.7	9.2	12.0	31	13.0	13.4	11.2
5	6.4	8.1	10.5	25	5.4	5.8	9.7	32	9.4	9.7	7.6
6	5.0	9.5	14.2	26	8.1	8.4	13.1	33	9.7	10.2	8.9

## **Other Supporting Information Files**

Appendix (PDF)